

THE CLARION.

Official Journal of the City of Jackson.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1879.

RAILROAD TIME-TABLE.

Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroad.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Jackson.

At a regular session of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen held Wednesday, November 12, 1879.

Present—Hon. John McGill, Mayor; Aldermen, Hon. C. H. Hamilton, John Spangler and Williams.

REPORT OF OFFICERS—CLERK'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Jackson.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my report of the work of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen during the month of October.

WARREN'S REPORT.

Ivy Ward, on College Green school house, \$14.00.

Green school house, 10.00.

F. B. Hull, lumber for College Green school house, 9.00.

Total, \$33.00.

CITY.

Pat Clark, streets, (contingent), \$37.50.

A. Washington, cemetery, (contingent), 9.00.

Broun & Brown, hay, (contingent), 10.00.

E. M. Murray, cemetery, (contingent), 12.00.

Johnson Sprague, hay, (contingent), 12.00.

Total, \$82.50.

The above warrants were drawn upon the contingent fund by order of the Board.

LICENSERS.

Alexander Ross, dray, \$15.00.

Jack Myers, lunch stand, 5.00.

Geo. Ferguson, dray, 5.00.

Total, \$25.00.

Very respectfully,

HARRIS BAKERMAN, City Clerk.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Jackson.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the following as my collections for the month of October, 1879.

City on real estate, \$4.00.

Street and road, 55.00.

Privileges, 55.00.

Total warrants, \$114.00.

Bond and interest, \$4.00.

Prize fund, 15.25.

School, 20.00.

Bridge, 20.00.

Total U. S. C., \$77.10.

Respectfully,

E. H. KEMER, City Collector.

SECTIONS REPORT (WHITE).

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Jackson.

Gentlemen: I have the honor to report the following as my collections for the month of October, 1879.

Section 1, \$10.00.

Section 2, \$10.00.

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LETTER FROM MERIDIAN.

Meridian, November 8, 1879.

DEAR CLARION: A suggestion in your column, last week, in reference to the establishment of a fair in Meridian, prompted me to occupy some leisure time this morning in visiting the Meridian Press.

About the first man I met at the Ragade House this morning, was Capt. T. F. Pettus, a merchant at Newton Station, who informed me that he had quit shipping cotton to New Orleans, having found it to be a better market.

The V. & M. road has made a rate of \$1.00 per bale from Newton to Meridian. The Meridian cotton buyers pay the New Orleans cotton, and the seller is thus saved the difference in freights, commissions, storage, etc. I find many others here, merchants and producers, who have made the discovery that Capt. Pettus has.

There are several other cotton here today from Winston and Newbern, and one wagon from within a few miles of Canton! The Meridian Press has brought all this about, and it will do a like good work for Jackson if her business men will put into operation an enterprise which they have at least favorably considered for some years.

The idea of establishing a fair here was first seriously discussed in 1875. Mobile was the market for this point. The freight on cotton had been raised from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per bale. Mr. J. H. Gary purchased a second-hand Compress, in Mobile, for \$5,000, which was put up in 1877. He shipped direct to the East, the first year, about five thousand bales; in 1878, about 22,000 bales, including one shipment to Liverpool direct; and this year, 1879, he shipped from the Meridian Compress about 35,000 bales, and the cotton buyers here will handle altogether from 45,000 to 50,000 bales. A powerful press, of one thousand tons pressure, is now being erected, which will not only facilitate the compressing of cotton, but will wash a bale into a bale, so that it will be ready for shipment. This press is in use at Memphis, and was purchased by the company here for \$15,000. It will be ready for work within ten days. It requires only a few minutes to press a bale of cotton, and the charge is 65 cents. The same bagging and ties are used, except that the ties are clipped in proportion as the bale is pressed. From 45 to 50 bales can be put on one car. The freight charge is 40 cents per 100 lbs. to New York, and 50c to Boston.

The owners of the Compress are Messrs. W. F. Brown and Messrs. J. H. Gary, Sr. and J. H. Gary, Jr. A brick wall encloses about half an acre of ground. The yard is now so crowded that it is difficult for drays to pass. Mr. Gary told me that he had sold to the Doughty Manufacturing Company, of Lowell, Mass., the price being 115 cents delivered there. There are half a dozen or more buyers here representing the Eastern Spinners, and there is ample capital here to buy up all the cotton as fast as it comes to the market.

Unfavorably situated as Jackson is, a compress here would do much to develop a large section of country. As a railroad center, it has advantages equal to Meridian, while the surrounding country is much more prolific of the staple. The navigation of Pearl river would bring thousands of bales to Jackson, now hauled to Canton and points on the V. & M. road.

THE MERIDIAN OIL MILL.

Is about the biggest thing to be found here. The capital invested is about one hundred thousand dollars, one-half of which is owned by an oil merchant of Cincinnati. The capacity of the mill is now being greatly enlarged. The quantity of cotton seed required to keep such a mill in operation must be enormous.

THE MERIDIAN FURNITURE FACTORY.

Of A. B. Wagner is quite an extensive establishment, and in the cheaper kinds of furniture competes successfully with Louisville and Cincinnati. The factory is running a small force just now, some of the hands being on a strike.

I am informed that there is

NOT A YACHT HOUSE

in Meridian. An elegant opera house, and eight brick stores have been erected this season. The contract for a court-house has been awarded, the corner-stone of which was to have been laid to-day, but in consequence of some misunderstanding the ceremony has been deferred. Two female colleges, and a first class school for boys, do not exist here. The population must be about four thousand.

THE FAIR GROUNDS.

on the southern side of the City, near the Ragade House, have been completed, and the fair, under the new management, will commence on Monday, 17th. Gov. Colquitt, of Georgia, will deliver an address on Tuesday, 18th.

One of our Jackson boys—Lincoln P. Colquitt, a native of Georgia, who is now a student in the law at the University of Georgia, on the 18th of November, and will, doubtless, attract a large audience. Gov. Colquitt has been, for years, one of our most successful agricultural students of Georgia, one of the foremost agriculturists in the Union, and will deliver an address on the 18th of November. We hope the farmers of East Mississippi will turn out in large numbers and give Gov. Colquitt a hearty welcome.

Lexington Advertiser.]

A heartrending accident occurred to the family of Mr. D. O. Alexander, last Monday night in the town of Lumberton, when a dwelling house was burned and one child perished in the flames. The child, we hear, was about a year and a half old, and was thought to have been taken out of the house by one of the larger children. The mistake was not discovered until it was too late to save the poor unfortunate infant. One gentleman was badly burned while attempting its rescue.